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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of)
DEAN et al.) Art Unit: 1634
Application No. 09/514,113) Examiner: Bradley Sisson
Filing Date: February 28, 2000) Confirmation No. 9257
For: METHOD FOR REDUCING ARTIFACTS)
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AMENDMENT PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. § 41.33(b)(1)

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Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action mailed on July 13, 2004, please amend the application as follows. Also submitted herewith is a Notice of Appeal, a Transmittal of Supplemental Appeal Brief, a Supplemental Appeal Brief, and a Request for Extension of Time.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this Amendment.

Remarks begin on page 10 of this Amendment.